(c) whether Prime Minster's Office has received any communications/ articles from any of the senior citizens suggesting steps to improve DDA functioing with a three Member Committee; and

(d) if so, the names of the persons, list of the proposals and the action taken thereon to change the mind-set of officials to contain corruption ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Based on analysis of representations received in the Prime Minister's Office, Hon'ble Prime Minister, in a recent communication has pointed the problems of a generic nature faced by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) applicants, as well as as shortcomings in the mechanism for redressal of grievances in it. The problems mainly relate to delays encountered in allotment of plots/flats, transfer of registration in favour of legal heirs, refund of registration money, change of address, issue of demand-cum-allotment letters, possession letters, etc. and inadequate response from DDA to redress the grievances.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A communicaton addressed to the Hon'ble Prime Minister has been received from Shri R.K. Bhatnagar wherein difficulties faced by Cooperatives Group Housing Societies and the DDA flat owners in Delhi have been pointed out and suggestions given for constitution of a three-Member independent Group to identify broadly the problems of DDA users and prepare systematic guidelines for implementation. The suggestions have been sent to DDA for detailed examination and appropriate action.

Pathetic condition of parks in Gole Market

†2258. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that parks in various colonies of Gole Market, New Delhi are in pathetic condition and these parks have turned into dens of smack addicts and drunkards; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to improve the conditon of these parks ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU

†Original notice of the equation was received in Hindi.

DATTATRAYA) : (a) and (b) The parks are being maintained satisfactorily as per availability of funds. The CPWD has not received any information regarding the presence of smack addicts and drunkards in these parks.

Action taken against DDA employees

2259. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item published in Delhi Newspapers in October, 2001 about rampant corruption in DDA. based on the studies made by PMO;

(b) If so, the details of the studies made in the PMO with brief summary; and

(c) the progress on each of the items alongwith the action taken against individual DDA officials and their names ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Based on the analysis of representations received in the Prime Minister's Office, Hon'ble Prime Minister, in a recent communication has pointed out the problems of a generic nature faced by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) applicants, as well as shortcomings in the mechanism for redressal of grievances in it. The problems mainly relate to delays encountered in allotment of plots/flats, transfer of registration in favour of legal heirs, refund of registration money, change of address, issue of demand-cum-allotment letters, possession letters, etc. and inadequate response from DDA to redress the grievances.

DDA has initiated action and examiniation in depth of cases of dealy in public dealing departments. Several short-term and long-term measures have been initiated by the DDA to train its work force, introduce computerization and e-governance as well as exercising strict vigilance at all levels.

The DDA has reported that during the last three years, i.e., from 1-4-1998 till date, 36 DDA officials have been booked for corrupt practices by the CBI and the Delhi Police. In 20 cases, investigations have already been completed and chargessheets have been filed in the Trial Court. In the remaining 16 cases, investigations are in progress, A statement indicating the names of 36 DDA officials who have been booked for corrupt practices, is enclosed.